



Indiana Supreme Court

The Indiana Supreme Court is the state's highest court. It was established in 1816. There are 5 members; Chief Justice Brent Dickson, Justice Robert Rucker, Justice Steven David, Justice Mark Massa and Justice Loretta Rush. The Justices are appointed on a merit basis and then stand for retention in a general election.

Cases

- 1.6 million cases were filed statewide in 2011
- The Supreme Court was asked to review about 1000 of those cases
- The Court agreed to hear (granted transfer) about 80 cases

Oral Arguments

- Attorneys from each side argue in person before the Justices
- Each side typically has 20 minutes, no witnesses are called
- Arguments are open to the public and webcast (more than 800 are archived online)
- After deciding a case, all opinions are posted at courts.in.gov

Agencies

- 180 employees work for 8 Supreme Court agencies
 - Board of Law Examiners
 - Clerk of Appellate Courts
 - Commission for Continuing Legal Education
 - Disciplinary Commission
 - Division of State Court Administration
 - Division of Supreme Court Administration including Clerk of Appellate Courts
 - Indiana Judicial Center
 - Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program

Other Information

- The 5 Justices generally meet once a week to discuss the Court's business (called court conference)
- The Judicial Branch makes up less than 1% of the state budget
- The Court posts information at [Twitter.com/incourts](https://twitter.com/incourts) and photographs at [Flickr.com/incourts](https://www.flickr.com/photos/incourts)